

Four Hospitalized After Lomita Crash

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MAYOR ISEN DENIES STEALING NEWS RACKS

'READING UP' ..

Fireman Delivers Own Son As Stork Arrives Early

Torrance Fireman Walter J. Tasker wasn't on duty Tuesday night, at the firehouse at least, but he used his extra training at home when he delivered his wife's baby.

Tasker's wife, Janet, gave birth to the couple's third child, second son, in their home on Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita.

Fireman Tasker did his duty well, because he said he'd been "reading up" on delivering babies "just in case of something like this."

It seems Mrs. Tasker's baby, Walter, Jr., age 6, came rather suddenly, too. When he was born Mrs. Tasker made it to the hospital, but not to the delivery room. A nurse on duty delivered the baby that time.

After delivering the baby, Tasker took his wife and new son to Daniel Freeman Hospital, where doctors pro-

nounced, mother, baby and father in excellent condition. Tasker returned home to light up his celebration cigar and found the two other children sound asleep in their rooms. They had slept through the entire event.

Utah Firm May Buy Industrial Acreage Here

Preliminary negotiations for the purchase of 220 acres of industrial zoned land next to the Marble Estate tract on Crenshaw, were reported under way this week.

Land may be purchased by the Utah Mining and Construction Co. from Standard Oil Co., present owners.

Preliminary plans call for developing the area for industrial, commercial and residential usage.

Lie Detector Clears Two in Tompkins Case

Two men questioned Tuesday by Harbor Division detectives in connection with the Karen Tompkins kidnaping were cleared of suspicion following lie detector tests.

The two men, Ronald Burnett, 23, a Glendale City employee, and Henry W. Dankowsky, 36, were held on other charges after the tests.

Burnett has admitted abducting an 11-year-old Glendale youngster Sept. 14, according to authorities. Dankowsky is wanted in Washington, D.C., for questioning in a murder-rape case.

The Tompkins child has been missing since Aug. 18, when she disappeared on her way home from Halldale School.



PETITIONS FILED — Petitions seeking a referendum on the proposed rezoning of the Marble Estates tract were filed Monday in the offices of the Torrance city clerk. Shown above, John Bramhall, acting city clerk, accepts the petitions from George Kurtz, local

attorney, Kurtz said the signatures of 5143 registered voters appeared on the rolls, well over the 4310 required to put the issue on the ballot. Validation of the signatures will effectively stop rezoning action until the April ballot.

John Birchers, Legion Praise Isen's Stand

An overflow crowd of more than 200 Torrance area residents packed into the city council chambers last night to hear Mayor Albert Isen deny complicity in the theft of two newsstands bearing the publication of the Socialist Labor Party.

Newsstands for the controversial Weekly People disappeared two weeks ago following a public statement by Isen at a council session that he would accept it as his own responsibility to see that they were removed.

Isen admitted that he knew that the council had no right to censor the press.

ALREADY CHECKED

Councilman Nickolas Dralle pointed out that he had checked with City Attorney Stan Remelmeier more than a year ago to see what could be done about removing the offending publication but was told that nothing could be done legally. He said that if the group publishing the paper were proved to be Communist inspired or dominated in the courts, he would lead the way in obtaining ordinances removing their publication from city property.

Councilman George Bradford stated that he was opposed to the principles advocated by the Weekly People but felt that its removal from the city should be by legal, constitutional means.

Councilman J. A. Beasley said that he had "the greatest faith in the American people, their government,

their courts and their FBI, and although the paper announces certain principles that I'm certainly not in accord with, I feel that the American people are strong enough to support freedom of speech and of the press."

FIRST AMENDMENT

Councilman Willys Blount reflected that the opinion of the majority of the speakers when he pointed out that the Constitution, in the First Amendment, guaranteed freedom of religion, of assembly and of the press.

He pointed out that the Constitution guarantees any citizen the right to speak out, to protection from confiscation of his private property, and that no individual has the right to abridge another's constitutional privileges.

Appearing in favor of the action of the individual who removed the stands were Jaek Sachs, Jim Ray, Bill Wilbur, George Heaton and Earl Sumpter, commander of the local American Legion post.

Each classified the publication as trash and approved any action that would remove it from the streets of Torrance.



FOUR INJURED—Four persons were hospitalized at Harbor General following a two car collision at Hwy. 101 and Cypress in Lomita Sunday. Injured were Mrs. Ludvick Padnos, 23636 Park St., her infant daughter, Simon Horace, 5, and his sister, Shirley Horace, 9.

Neither Ludvick Padnos, driver of one car, nor Henry Boyer Kratz, 31, of San Francisco, driver of the other, was injured. Officer O. L. DeGray, CHP, said that impact of the crash was so great that Padnos' car was knocked almost 75 yards.

JUNIOR CITIZENS

Young High School Students 'Take Over' City Government Positions for the Day

Youthful high school students yesterday afternoon took over the government of the city of Torrance during the annual observance of Junior Citizens Day.

Youngsters, students at the city's four high schools—North, South, Torrance and Bishop Montgomery—went through the paces with their adult counterparts and, in most cases, left them breathless with the speed with which they grasped the fundamentals of the job.

Each of the ranking city employees was assigned a youthful assistant who followed him in the course of his or her work throughout the afternoon.

At 5:30 the whole entourage adjourned to Torrance High for dinner. Guest speaker at the meeting was Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco, candidate for the post of lieutenant governor of California in the coming elections.

Back at the council meeting last night, youngsters held sway during the early part of the meeting and introduced and approved several motions. These included: Covering Benstead Plunge so that it can be used all year 'round; development of a teenage youth center; development of a list of public services that youth organizations can perform.



JUNIOR CITIZENS — Young students at Torrance's four high schools yesterday afternoon took over the reins of city government and, to the astonishment of the adults, did a creditable job. Shown above are Mayor Albert Isen, Suzie Schenk, SHS, councilman for a day; Winkie Gilbert, SHS, city clerk;

Paula Harter, SHS, councilman; Judy Minor, THS, city attorney; Sandy Palmer, SHS, councilman; Melissa Matheny, NHS, councilman; Carol Robinson, NHS, councilman; and, seated, Ray Bynum, THS, mayor.